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In re the Application of:

Kayoko MASAKI et al.

Serial No. 08/772,259

Group Art Unit: 2872

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Examiner: T. Nguyen

For: SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE OF SIDE LIGHT TYPE (As Amended)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in further response to the Amendment filed April 16, 2002. The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the remarks is respectfully requested before the issuance of another action.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 1-3 and 8, without prejudice or disclaimer. In the recently conducted interview with the Examiner, the Examiner indicates that these claims had not been properly canceled in the previous amendment.

REMARKS

In the Interview conducted April 9, 2002, applicants pointed out that there would not have been motivation to modify the prior art (Prior Art) discussed in the background of the present invention with the partially coarsened surfaces of Ishikawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,600,455.

In response, the Examiner reinforced his previous rejection rationale by indicating that the motivation for modifying Prior Art to include the coarsened surfaces of Ishikawa would be that one skilled in the art would eventually recognize a problem with Prior Art, and if shown